

MAP OF SUGGESTED REVISIONS

Constitution

The Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council is a non-partisan, representative, coordinating organization of the Clinton Hill area - the section of Newark bounded by Irvington on the west, Elizabeth Avenue on the east, Arden Avenue and Rose Terrace on the north, and Hawthorne Avenue on the south - and is affiliated with the Associated Community Councils of Newark.

I. Name.

The name of the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

II. Aims and purposes.

1. To build a community spirit of cooperation and good will.
2. To advance the welfare of the community, including its housing, educational, and recreational facilities.
3. To gather and spread information on Clinton Hill's resources.
4. To develop wholesome patterns among its youth.
5. To welcome new neighbors.
6. To assist with and coordinate activities among individuals and groups sharing its aims.

III. Membership.

1. Individual residents of Clinton Hill who agree with the aims and purposes of the Council. Such persons may become members of the Council upon payment of dues as set by the Executive Board. If a street or block branch of the Council exists near their residence, they may affiliate with that branch and participate in its activities.
2. Institutions and organizations of a non-partisan nature, indigenous to Clinton Hill, who agree with the aims and purposes of the Council. They may be civic, religious, welfare, tenant, street, property owner, fraternal, business, or similar in nature. Such institutions become members upon approval of the Executive Board and payment of dues.
3. Persons whose occupation, business, or profession is centered in Clinton Hill who agree with aims and purposes of the Council.

IV. Block branches.

1. Council members residing on a street within the defined Clinton Hill area, in such numbers as the By-Laws set forth, may form a branch of the Council.
 - a. If no branches exist on their blocks, members may attend meetings of block branches nearest to them.
2. Branches shall be represented at Council Assembly meetings by elected delegates.

V. Council Assembly.

1. There shall be a Council Assembly to include delegates from each block branch, from each member institution, and the Council's elected officers.
2. The Council Assembly shall decide Council policy.
3. The Council Assembly shall meet at least once every two months.
4. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of Assembly delegates.

VI. Executive Committee.

1. There shall be an Executive Committee to include the elected officers and chairmen of Council committees.
2. The Executive Committee shall carry out the policies of the Council Assembly.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.

VII. Officers.

1. Officers shall include a President, at least four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be elected for two year terms, and no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
3. In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, the Council Assembly shall fill the office by a two-thirds vote.
4. No officer or member of this Council shall hold office while he is a candidate for public office or during the term of holding public office.
5. No officer or member of this Council shall receive any salary or compensation for Council activities.

VIII. Elections.

1. The elections shall be held every two years.
2. The President shall appoint with the approval of the Council Assembly a nominating committee at least three months before the Annual Meeting for Council elections.
3. The slate shall be presented at the Annual Meeting in January, where the election, open to all members, shall take place.
4. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the Annual Meeting.
5. Secret ballots shall be employed for voting.
6. Officers shall assume office upon election.

IX. Advisory Board.

There shall be an Advisory Board appointed by the Council Assembly composed of prominent members of the community.

X. Committees.

1. Standing Committees shall include Recreation, Block Steering, Zoning, Block Organizing, Housing, Education, Welfare and Welfare, Planning, Budget and Finance, Health and Sanitation, Communications, Program, and Public Affairs.
2. Chairmen of committees shall be appointed by the President of the Council with the approval of the Executive Committee.
3. The Council Assembly may create Special Committees when, it deems

necessary, which shall be discharged upon completion of their duties.

XI. Fees.

Annual dues shall be payable as set by the Council Assembly.

XII. Disbursements and Budget.

1. Disbursements shall be made as authorized by the Council Assembly.
2. A budget shall be approved by the Council Assembly.

XIII. Quorum.

1. In order for the Council Assembly to conduct its affairs, a majority of its members shall be present and shall constitute a quorum.

XIV. Procedure.

A modified form of Parliamentary procedure shall be followed at meetings.

XV. Amendments.

1. Any member may submit in writing to the Secretary a proposed amendment at least five days before a meeting of the Council Assembly.
2. The Secretary shall mail the proposed amendment to all Assembly delegates for their consideration at least 30 days before the Council Assembly meeting.
3. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Council Assembly at the meeting following presentation of the proposed amendment.